

Gaston County Schools
BOE Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019

Members Present: Dot Guthrie, Terry Usery, Dot Cherry, Justin Davis, Melissa Balknight, Lolita Williams

Others Present: Brent Moore, Carrie Minnich, James Montgomery, Marty Starnes, Derrick Jackson, Laura Dixon, Laura Clark, Terri Surbeck, Ami Parker, Rebekka Powers

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

The minutes for the meeting on March 4, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote.

W. A. Bess Elementary has been approved as an A+ School. A+ Schools of North Carolina is a whole-school transformation model that views the arts as fundamental to teaching and learning. Schools must have a strong arts program and 85% buy-in from the staff to be considered for the A+ School Cohort. Every content area is meshed with the arts. Research shows that schools in the A+ Cohort meet or gain growth.

Staff provided an update on school choice lotteries and kindergarten registration. All school choice lotteries will be complete on May 17, 2019. The Office of Student Assignment will do all school choice lotteries on the same date for the 2020-2021 school year. To date, there have been 1,550 students registered for kindergarten. The majority of the kindergarten registrations were done through the online platform.

Student Support Services is working with middle school counselors to have more consistency in all the middle schools. A high priority goal is for each school counselor to develop an annual comprehensive plan that will be reviewed at the beginning of each school year.

The Strategic Plan was shared by Rebekka Powers, Chief Accountability Officer.

A motion was made and seconded by unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Submitted by:
Lolita Williams